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Fire Extinguishers in Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a report, most of the audited coaches had fire extinguishers, several of these coaches did not have the required numbers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the extinguishers were not placed in accessible locations and the same did not have instructions for use;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to refill the extinguishers; and

(d) whether several trains had pantries that still had open flame gas burners and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): Yes, Madam. A recent CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) Report on 'Fire Accidents in Passenger Coaches in Indian Railways' has reported that on certain zonal railways audited, some of the coaches did not have fire extinguishers in prescribed quantity. Replacement of missing/stolen fire extinguishers in coaches is regularly done in maintenance depots.

(b) & (c): Fire extinguishers are placed in accessible locations and instructions for their use are generally provided on the body of the fire extinguisher itself. Notwithstanding above, corrective action on the deficiencies noted in this regard is taken promptly.
Refilling of fire extinguishers is done as per prescribed frequency.

(d): Yes, Madam. Pantry Cars are being provided with open flame gas burners in ICF (Integral Coach Factory) design conventional coaches. Open flame gas burners are required for cooking of food being supplied from Pantry Cars to onboard passengers. Requisite safety checks/certifications of these Pantry Cars have also been prescribed.
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